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Response to Amendment

(Advisory Action)

1. Proposed amended claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 14 and 18 contain the limitation "a common sequence...has no homology with any one of said multiple target DNA sequence or its complement" and "primer-primer formation ...are prevented", which requires further consideration and search. Further, this limitation raises the issue of new matter, as support has not been pointed out in the specification. Therefore, the amendment has not been entered.
2. The 35 U.S.C. 103 rejection is maintained over claims 1-12 made in paragraph 4 of the Office action mailed October 17, 1997. The arguments of the response filed December 4, 1997 have been fully considered, but are not found persuasive because the response raises new issue. Additionally, the same rejection is also made over claims 13-18.
3. No claims are allowable over the prior art.
4. None of the amendments from the previous response has been entered.
5. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joyce Tung whose telephone number is (703) 305-7112. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM-5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones, can be reached at (703) 308-1152. The fax number for Art Unit 1807 is (703)305-7401.

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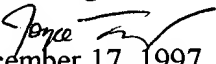
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6. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1800 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1800 via the PTO Fax Center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform with the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989).

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